CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN No. 98-718 TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors ISSUE DATE: November 1998 FROM: Summer Food Service Program Unit ATTENTION: Authorized Representatives SUBJECT: Mandatory Training for all Summer Food Service Program Sponsors REFERENCE: SA-9-3-GEN, APB: SFS 98-24, 7 CFR 225.7(a)

This Management Bulletin disseminates guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture regarding training requirements for agencies participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Current USDA regulations require that SFSP "... supervisory personnel responsible for food service receive comprehensive training in all necessary areas of Program administration and operations."

We have recently received clarification from USDA that all new and returning SFSP sponsors **must attend a training session sponsored by the Department every year in which they plan to operate a program.** Agencies that do not attend this training will not be allowed to participate in the SFSP.

The Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Division will work with all sponsors to ensure that this requirement is met. Training workshops will be scheduled in the spring, at strategic locations throughout the state. Workshops will be designed to accommodate the needs of new and returning sponsors.

If you have any questions, please call Patty Atherton, Program Analyst, at (916) 327-5456 or the toll free message line at (800) 333-5675.

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